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# Department of Land Revenue

OFFICE Board of Rev

STATION Madras

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Jurisdiction - (Bellary.) - Ramanarug - Criminal jurisdiction - Withdrawal - Board's remarks - Submit to Govt.

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BOARD OF REVENUE
19 OCT 1932
LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENT

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SECT.
19 OCT 1932

Revenue Department.

Memorandum No.2654 E/32,-4 dated the 17th October 1932.

Jurisdiction.- Bellary - Ramandrug - Withdrawal - Reference G.O.No.1261 Revenue, dated the 16th June 1932.

The decision that the cancellation of the Notification No.1979, dated the 24th October 1848 was unnecessary was based on the view that it was not within the power of the Madras Government to abrogate or modify (in consultation with the Raja of Sandur) the 'engagement' of 1847 (printed on pages 289-290 of Aitchison's Treaties) on which that notification was based. The Government now have reason to think that that view is incorrect, and propose to suggest to the Raja the abrogation of the engagement on certain terms. They also propose to cancel the notification referred to above, and to request the Government of India to cancel their notifications No.1018-I and No.1019-I (copies enclosed) dated 5th March 1891.

2. It is intended to inform theRaja that the Government propose to retain the Ramandrug cemetery on lease, and to ask him (1) whether he agrees that the engagement of 1847 should be cancelled, and (2) on what terms he is prepared to take over all the roads (both on the plateau and leading to it) and the travellers' bungalow now maintained at Ramandrug by the Madras Government.

3. The Board of Revenue is requested to obtain the views of the Collector of Bellary on these suggestions and to submit them to the Government with its remarks. The Collector should be instructed to consult the President,District Board,Bellary question of transferring the roads to the Raja.

4. The Board of Revenue is also requested to report the rent if any, now paid for the cemetery and to suggest a proper

rent to be paid for this lease.

J.A.Thorne

Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlemen
(with copies of Notifications).

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(By Order)

P Krishnan 18/10/32

Superintendent.

The Fort St.George Gazette, No.1979, dated 24th October 1848.

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N o t i f i c a t i o n.

Fort St.George, October 24, 1848.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Table-land of the Ramanamully Hill lately pertaining to the Soondoor Jagheer in the district of Bellary, has been transferred to the Government of Fort St.George and incorporated with the Talook of Koodleghee in that district; and that the Jurisdiction of the Criminal Courts and Police Authorities of the District of Bellary is hereby declared to extend over the said Hill according to the Boundaries which are on record in the Collector's office.

And the Criminal Courts of the District of Bellary are hereby required to take cognizance of all offences committed within the prescribed limits and sent up to the Courts by the Police or the Magistracy, and dispose of the same in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations.

By Order of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council

H. C. Montgomery
Secretary to Government.

No.1018-1.

Government of India.

Foreign Department.

Fort William, the 5th March 1891.

# N O T I F I C A T I O N.

Whereas the Raja of Sandur has ceded to the British Government certain criminal jurisdiction over the land within his State known as Ramandrug; In exercise of such jurisdiction and of the powers conferred by sections 4 and 5 of the Foreign Jurisdiction and Extradition Act, XXI of 1879, and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to issue the following orders :-

1. The Sub Magistrate of Ramandrug for the time being shall exercise within the said land, in respect of all persons, not being subjects of the Raja, residing therein, all the powers of a Magistrate with which he may for the time being be invested by the Governor of Fort St.George in Council under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882.

2. All Criminal Courts for the time being having jurisdiction within the Bellary district shall have within the said land, in respect of the persons described in the last foregoing clause, the jurisdiction which they respectively have within that district:

Provided that the powers of a High Court shall be exercised by the Governor of Fort St.George in Council and not by the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

3. The law relating to offences and to criminal procedure for the time being in force in British India shall extend to the said land, so far as the persons described in clause 1 of this Notification are concerned.

4. Nothing contained in ~~columns~~ clauses 1,2 and 3 of this Notification shall apply to accused persons who are European British subjects or persons jointly charged with European British subjects.

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No.1019-I.

Fort William. the 5th March 1891.

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 6 of the ~~Fort~~ Foreign Jurisdiction and Extradition Act, XXI of 1879, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to appoint the Collector and Head Assistant Collector of Bellary for the time being, provided they are European British subjects, to be Justices of the Peace for Ramandrug in the State of Sandur.

Sd. W.J.CUNNINGHAM

Offg.Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No.1020-I.

A copy of the marginally cited Notifications is forwarded to the Government of Fort St.George for information. with reference to the correspondence ending with tha ~~Department~~ Government's letter No.80 (Political), dated the 5th February 1891.

Foreign Department Notification No.1018-I, dated the 5th March 1891 and No.1019-I, dated the 5th March 1891.

By order, &c.

G.R.Irwin

Offg.Under Secy.to the Govt.of India.

Foreign Department.

Fort William,

The 5th March 1891.

R. F. XXII-A-19—28,004—15-3-32 (6)

**Subject.**

FOR MEMBER.

ASC (L.R)

Jurisdiction Bellary. Ramandrug - Criminal
jurisdich Withdrawal.

READ AGAIN B. P. No. _____, dated _____ 193

" _____, " _____ 193

READ ALSO :—

Register No. _____, from the _____, No. _____, dated _____ 193

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" " _____, " _____, " _____, " _____ 193

pp 1-6 Cf C 7432-A (with Enc

" " _____, " _____, " _____ 193

— ~~RESOLUTION~~.

Ref. C No 7432/32-1 dated 21-10- 193

Referred to the Collector of Bella

~~for remarks~~

2). His attention is invited to paras 3 and 4 of the Govt. me and he is requested(a) to Consult the President, District Board, Bellary on the quesnon of transferring the roads to the Raja of Sandur (L.) and to report the rent, if any, now paid for the cemextbery ann it suggest a proper rent for its lease and (c) to offer his remarks on the proposals in para 2 of the Govt. memo

21.10.32

21.10.32

To the Collector of Bellary

Gss. 20.10.32

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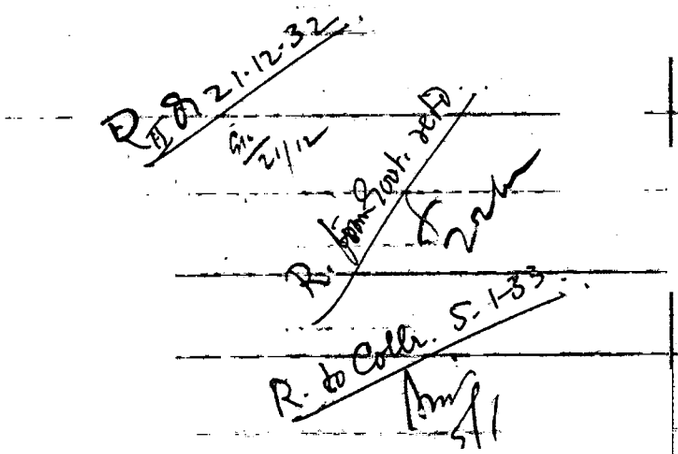
Jurisdiction Bellary Ramandrug-
Criminal jurisdiction Withdrawn.

Bd's Ref B 21-10-32 ..E




Refce c 7H32/32-2 B 1-11-32

The Collector of Bellary is requested to expedite this reply to the Board's Ref received

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21.11.32

To the Secretary of Village

C.F. 32

DEPARTMENT.

y, please quote number, date and short title.*

*Received* 10 *Registered* C 226

From (Name) F.W. Stewart Esq., C.I.E.,I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Bellary

Post Box ..... (STATION) Bellary

*Telegraphic Address* .....

BOARD OF REVENUE
14 JAN 1933
LAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To The Secretary to the Commissioners,

Board of Revenue Land Revenue & Settlement,

Madras

Ref. C.*No.* 6012/32, *dated* 12.1.33 19

Sir

*Jurisdiction - Ramandrug -Criminal Jurisdiction withdrawal

ENCLOSURES 2wo

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Ref. Board's Ref.C.No. 7432/32.1. dated 21.10.32.

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I have referred the matter to the Executive Engineer, Conservator of Forests, District Superintendent of Police and the President, District Board,Bellary. Their final replies have not been received yet. I shall submit my report soon after their replies are received. I may be allowed time till the end of this month.

2. The two reminders are resubmitted herewith.

13.1.33
For Collector

Rr. from Govt. RP. 23.1.33. 23/1

R.V. 13.1.

RV 13/1

Dy(L.R.)

7s.(L.R.)
May be filed. It will be reminded on 1-2-33, if necessary

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15.1.33

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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

eply, please quote number, date and short title.*

*Received:* *Registered* 6783

From (Name) F.W. Stewart Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Bellary.

Post Box....., (Station).....

*Telegraphic Address*.....

BOARD OF REVENUE
1 FEB 1933.
LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENT

To The Secretary to the Commissioners,
Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement,
Madras.

Ref. *No.* C01/[illegible] *dated* 31-1-33. 192

Sir,

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*Jurisdiction- Bellary- Ramandrug- Criminal Jurisdiction- withdrawal.

Ref. My letter dated 18-1-1933.

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The Executive Engineer, Bellary says that he has called for certain information from his Sub Divisional Officer and he will be able to send a complete reply to reach my office on 10-2-33. The President District Board has not sent his reply yet. I propose to inspect Ramandrug shortly. I therefore request that I may be allowed time till 20th February 1933 to submit my report.

31-1-33.

A.S.N./31-1. For Collector.

31.1.33.

**Subject.** 14

R. F. XXII-A-19—23,004—15-3-32 (

FOR MEMBER.

Jurisdiction - (Bellary) - Ramadrug - criminal jurisdiction - Withdrawal.

A.S. (G.Y)

READ AGAIN B. P. No _____, dated _____ 193

" " " _____, " _____ 193

READ ALSO :—

Register No. _____, From the _____, No. _____, dated _____ 193

pp 1-5 C. C 7432/32-R

p. 7 C. - Bd's Ref. of 21-10-32-R

" " _____, " " _____, p 10 C. C 226/33-R, " _____ 193

p 12 C. - C 783/33-R

" " _____, " " _____, " _____, " _____ 193

RESOLUTION. Ref No. C 7432/32-3, dated 3-2- 1933

The Collector's report promised in his letter last read above is awaited. The Govt are pressing for an early reply.

2.2.33

To the Collr. of Bellary

Copy to the Secy. to Govt. R.D. with a copy of the Collr's letter dt 31-1-1933

p 12 C.

Note: R 2.2.33.

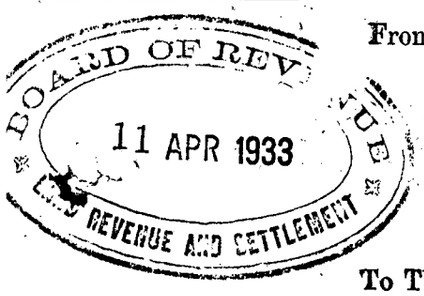
~~The Govt are pressing for an early reply.~~

2.2.33

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

_____ DEPARTMENT.

*Received* *Registered.* C 2253




From (Name) F.W.Stewart Esq.;C.I.E.,I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Bellary

Post Box_____, (Station) Bellary

*Telegraphic Address*_____

To The Secretary to the Commissioners.

Board of Revenue,Land Revenue & Settl.

Madras

R.Dis.C.*No.* ~~6012/34~~, *dated* 10.4.33 1

Sir,

ENCLOSURES_____

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Jurisdiction -Bellary -Ramandrug -Criminal Jurisdiction -Withdrawal -

Ref.Board's Ref.C.No. 7432/32.1. dated 21st Octo.

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I consulted the Executive Engineer,District Superintendent of Police, President,District Board the Revenue Divisional Officer,Hospet in the Except the Revenue Divisional Officer, the other officers are not in favour of cancellation of the engagement of 1847 or of Ramandrug over the buildings and roads to the Sandur Durbar.

2. The Executive Engineer says that the Travellers bungalow at Ramandrug is a great convenience to Government servants and for is a much appreciated amenity and that as a Church and Cemetery are still to be maintained the bungalow serves as a halting place for the officers who have to supervise their maintenance. He recommends the retention of bungalow on lease if ownership of it is to be transferred to the Sandur State. The rents proposed for the Inspection bungalow (8.00 Acres) and Cemetery (0.48 acres) are Rs.8.0.0 and C.8.0 respectively Re.1. an acre. At present a quit rent of Rs.0.3.1 is paid for the site occupied by the Inspection -- bungalow but no rent is paid for the site of the Cemetery.

3. [illegible] British Officers [illegible] Non-Official [illegible] that some British subjects [illegible] residents, under the impression that the British Police and Magistracy could be responsible for their wellbeing and that it would be unfair to allow their vested interests to be jeopardised by cancelling the agreement.

4. As regards the roads the District Board has resolved that the existing arrangement be continued [illegible] they need not be transferred to the Raja.

5. I inspected the Ramandrug plateau with the Executive Engineer. The P.W.D. maintain on the plateau.

1. a travellers bungalow.
2. a church
3. a cemetery.

The Church was also used as a school. At present it does not seem to be actually used as either, but if mining in the Sandur State and in the neighbouring British country, becomes vigorous again, it may be wanted for these purposes. The Cemetery has however been used in recent years. But the maintenance of these two -Church — school building and cemetery -does not justify the maintenance of a P.W. bungalow for P.W. Officers to stay in while supervising their maintenance, as stated by the Executive Engineer. I think, however, it may fairly be said that the position of the Sandur State, almost entirely surrounded by this district and containing a plateau over 3000 feet high which has long been used as a hill station and still is, by the people of this district justifies both retention of Criminal Jurisdiction over British subjects who use it and of a bungalow for the use of officials of this district. The district is far away from other hill stations, and the amenity of this bungalow is very useful in the hot weather. The other bungalows on the plateau are not likely to be available for the use of officials who can find a few days to spare to visit the plateau. and the travellers bungalow provides them with one. If transferred unconditionally to the Raja it is not likely to be available for visitors for short periods. If however the Government decide to cancel the engagement with the

the Sandur Durbar, I propose that the Inspedtion bungalow may be held on lease for the annual rent proposed by the Executive Engineer. No rent need be paid for the Cemetery and the Church as no income is derived, on them. I am unable to see why this matter was mooted. If there are any advantages, I would refer to the reservation of the Travellers' Bungalow at Daida in Guntur District at the instance of the Board on the ground that it provided a change of scene in a district which had few amenities and recommend that the same consideration be given here.

R/I Cons 1217 (81)
16.4.30

10.4.30.

For Collector

## *Subject.*

FOR MEMBER.

Jurisdiction - (Bellary) - Ramandrug -
Criminal jurisdiction - Withdrawal - Proposals

READ AGAIN B. P. No. _____, dated _____ 193

" " " _____, " _____ 193

READ ALSO :— pp 1-6 Cf — C 7432/32

Register No. _____, From the _____, No. _____, dated _____ 193

p 7 Cf — Bd's Ref. of 21-10-32 - Q

" " 3-2-33 - Q

p 14 Cf —

" " _____, " " _____, " _____, " _____ 193

pp 16-18 Cf C 2253/33 - Q

" " _____, " " _____, " _____, " _____ 193

**RESOLUTION.** Ref. C 7432/32-4 No. _____, dated 25-4- 1933.

The Board requests to be informed what object Govt. have in view in proposing the abrogation of the 'Engagement' of 1847, in order to enable it to formulate a recommendation

Jurisdiction 25.4.33

Secy. to Govt. R.D. 25.4.33

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Jurisdiction - (Bellary) - Ramandrug Criminal jurisdiction - Withdrawal - Board remarks - Submitted to Government.

pp.1-6 c.f. C.7432/32 .. Q
p.7 c.f. Bd's.Refce.d/21-10-32 Q
pp.16-18 c.f. C.2253/33 .. A
p.10 c.f. Bd's.Ref.d/25-4-33 Q.

~~Reference~~ Misc. 1576 dated 1 -9-1933.

Subd. to Govt.

2. In their Memo. read above, Govt. have reopened the question of the cancellation of the agreement of 1847 with the Raja of Sandur which was ~~decided~~ drafted in G.O.No.Ms.1261 Rev., d/ 16-6-32. ~~The Bd.~~ understands (i) that this question has been raised by the Agent to the Governor-General Madras States and (ii) that Govt. have taken into consideration that there have been no criminal cases from Ramandrug hill in the S.S.M's. Court at Hospet ~~since 1926~~.

Issued vide Govt. Memo. dated 1.6.33 p 37 of (A)

p 33 of (A)

3. ~~The Bd. submits that~~ The Raja of Sandur himself has recently not raised the question of taking back the hills and ~~believes~~ the Bd. considers that the protection of British rule has been in some measure responsible for the security of the place. It would also point out that the Bungalows etc on the plateau and the roads maintained by the Dt.Bd. are of great importance to the

officials and others of Bellary Dist., which is remote from other hill stations and that these people stand to lose much if the jurisdiction of the British Courts and the responsibility of the British Dist.Board for the roads is ceased.

Apart from ~~the above~~ these and other general considerations, the Dt.Bd. is ~~also~~ unwilling to hand over the roads to the Raja. The question of the terms on which the roads and the bungalow should be transferred to the Raja was discussed by the Collr. in 1931 in his Ref.C.5479, d/ 25-10-31 disposed of in G.O.No.1261 Ms., Revenue d/ 16-6-32. The Bd. very much doubts if Govt. can, under the terms of the 'Engagement' of 1847, claim compensation ~~to the British Govt.~~ for the money that they have of their own accord and in any event sunk in this territory; ~~Further~~, the estimated value of the roads and the bungalow is ~~such~~ that the Raja of Sandur is not likely to be able or willing to pay it. In the circumstances, the Board agrees with the Collector's views and submits that it can see nothing to be gained by agreeing to the ~~Agent's~~ proposal and much to be lost.

pp 5-7 of (A)
p37 of (A)

(subpara)

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31/5/33.

To the Secy. to Govt.,R.D.

Issued @ 2.35
for 1/6/33.

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Jurisdiction - (Bellary) - Ramadrug - Criminal - jurisdiction - Withdrawal.

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Bd's Reg. dt 21-10-32
dt 3-2-33.

To secy.

First D.O. reminder to the Bd's Regees. read above submitted.

Essn
21.2.33

23.2.33

Verified o/p 23.2.33

Today's papers will be verified before despatch.

Essn

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23 FEB 1933

Collector's Office,

Bellary. 2.3.1933.

3 MAR 1933

D.O.

My dear MacEwen,

Jurisdiction - Bellary - Ramandrug -
Criminal jurisdiction - withdrawal -
Ref. Your d.o. reminder No.1 dated 23.3.33
on Board's Ref. 7432/32-1 dated 21.10.32.

The President Dt. Board said on 4.2.33 that the District Board Engineer had to supply some information and the matter would then be placed before the Board. So far no intimation of the result has been received. I will remind the President District Board.

Yours sincerely,

A.R. MacEwen Esq., M.C., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Commr., Land Rev., Board of Rev.,
Box. No. 406, Triplicane, Madras.

DO 135 dt 3.3.33. -62 nf.

To As(LR)

May be filed. The Collr. will be reminded on 18-3-33, if necessary

p1 ng. Bd's D.O. reminder dt 23.2.33 and

p2 ng. the Coll's D.O. reply dt 2.3.33.

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thro' K3.

To Secy.

D.O. reminder No. 2 submitted

Dss
17.3.33

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Rt. to Govt. Retr
C 1902
dt 22.3.33.

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To Secy

reminder No. 3 may issue.

Dss 4.4.33.

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C 7432/32 ... pp-1-5 cf.

Board's Ref. dt 21.10.32 - p 7 cf.

C 2253/33 - pp 16.18 cf.

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AS(S&R) with a (book)
in 11.15 Appln & Section.
Len - p 18 cf
4.4.
5.4.33

To As.

Please see the Correspondence in B.P. Mis. 1867 dt 20.6.32 at (A)

In their memo at pp 1-5 cf, the Govt. have reopened the question and have requested the Board to obtain the views of the Collector of Beli on the following suggestions - to submit them with the Board's

remarks: —

(i) The Cancellation of the agreement of 1847 with the Raja of Sandur. p. 166 of the book put up,

(ii) The terms on which the roads and the traveller's bungalow (now maintained at Ramandurg by the Madras Govt.) should be transferred to the Sandur Durbar.

(i) <u>The Cancellation of the agreement of 1847:-</u>

The Collr. reports that he consulted the Executive Engineer, Dt Supdt. of Police, President Dt. Board, and the R. D.O., Hospet. Except the Rev. Divisional Officer, all are against the proposal. Paras 3 to 5 of the Collector's letter at pp 17-18 cf. are for perusal. The Collr. reports that he is unable to see why this matter was mooted. p 18 cf

For orders.

(ii) <u>Handing over the roads and the traveller's bungalow to the Sandur Durbar:-</u>

Here again, all the p 16 cf

(Mr. V. Hanumantha Rao
Legislative Dy. Sec'y)

officers (except the R.D.O., Hospet) whom the Collector consulted, a against the proposal. The Dt. Board

para 4 p 17 of

has resolved that the existing arrangement as regards roads be continued and that they ~~are~~ not be transferred to the Raja. The Collr considers that, if Govt. decide to cancel the engagement with the Sandur Durbar, the inspection bungalow may be held on lease for an annual rent of Re 1 an acre

para 2 b 16 ed

The area occupied by the inspection bungalow is 8 acres, and at present a quit rent of Rs 9-3-0 is being paid for the site. For orders whether the Board may agree with the Collr.

pp 1-2 of

3) Para 4 of the Govt. memo:-

para 2 p 16 of

The Collr reports that no rent is paid at present to the site (area 0.48 acres) of the cemetery. He considers

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at no rent need be paid for the emetery and the Church as no income is derived on them. The Board may, it seems, agree with the Collr.

For orders.

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The facts mentioned in para 3 of the Collr's

Miller drawing attention to what seems to warrant the Cancellation of the ~~agreement~~ agreement of 1847.

CB
21.4.33

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I think it is worth while drawing attention to Mr. Galletti's para. 2, p. 5 C.F. of (A), in support of Mr. Stewart's present protest: the fact that there are now no Roofs in Bellary affects the question very little. It's not as if Sandur has been agitating to get the hill back: under the "Engagement" he gets his rent + retains control over the various sources of income, but we have police magisterial powers. What have we, or has he, to gain by the proposal

A.H. 24.4.33

Ld. We may ask the Govt to tell us what object they have in view in proposing the abrogation of the Engagement of 1847, in order to enable us to formulate a recommendation

SEC
24 APR 1933

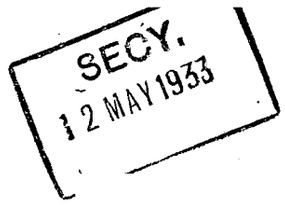
To As (LR)

Draft submitted

CB
25-4-33

SSS
25.4.33

LR
25.4.33




D.O.No.2654 E/32-5.

Revenue Secretary's Office.
Stonehouse Hill,
The Nilgiris,
Dated the 11th May 1933.

My dear MacEwen,

Jurisdiction - (Bellary) - Rāmandrug - Withdrawal

Board's Reference C.No.7432/32-4 dated 25th April 1933.

I am directed to reply demi-officially to the reference quoted above.

Since the issue of G.O.No.1261 Revenue, dated 16th June 1932, the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States, has raised the question of the jurisdiction of this Government over the Ramandrug plateau and has suggested that the notifications of the Government of India No.1018-I and No.1019-I dated 5th March 1891 should be cancelled. These notifications were based on the "Engagement" of 1847 and the suggestion of the Agent to the Governor-General therefore raised the question whether the "Engagement" should be abrogated. In spite of the heading, the "Engagement" did not "cede" any lands. The Raja retained the ownership of the land and merely allowed the British Government and others to occupy the land they wanted on payment of assessment to him and relinquished police and magisterial functions on the hill in regard to settlers and their dependents. The greater part of the land covered by the "Engagement" has been given up (please see Collector's letter R.Dis.6751 of 24 A.4 dated 22-11-24 submitted with Board's Reference No.C.7289/31-6 dated 1st April 1932) and this Government now retain only the land covered by certain roads (on the plateau and leading to it) a travellers' bungalow and a cemetery. The exercise of police and magisterial functions by this Government is now a dead letter (Collector's letter No.1205/32 A.4 dated 18th March 1932). In these circumstances the Government doubted whether there is any good reason why the "Engagement" of 1847 should not be abrogated and the notifications based on it cancelled as suggested by the Agent

M, S

AS (LR) (with a book))

To AS.

Please see the D.O. reply at pp 7-8 n

~~with ref to the 1933 Key at~~ p.20 cf.

For orders on the notes at pp 3-6 nf

Attention is invited to

Cobb 15.5.33 para 3 of the Collr's letter

at p. 17 cf of the Secy's note-

portion marked A on p 6 n.f.

LR 16.5.33

CB 17.5.33

Secy's note.

'I think that the ~~in~~ two important points arising from the D.O. at p.7 N.F. are (1) that this question has been raised by the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States; and (2) that the Govt. have taken into consideration the fact that there have been no criminal cases from Ramandrug hill in the Sub Magistrate's Court during the last 6 or 7 years (p.33 C.F. or (A)).

With regard to the first point the only comment is that, as I have noted already, Sandur himself has not raised the question of taking back the hill. Regarding the second point it is ~~the question~~ for consideration whether it cannot be said that probably the protection of British rule has been in some measure responsible for the security of the place; I have spoken to A.S.(L.R.) who has some experience

of Banganapalli, another small State in the Ceded Districts; he says that people in that State definitely live in a state of insecurity as far as justice goes in comparison with their neighbours in British territory; it all depends on the ruler of the State of course.

Apart from this, the Collr. reports in his para 4 at p.17 C.F. that the District Board are unwilling to hand over the roads; the Govt. mention the matter of the terms on which the Rajah is prepared to take over the roads and the bungalow in their para 2 at p.1 C.F. Mr. Galletti referred to this matter of the roads and the bungalow in his para 5 at pp.6-7 C.F. of (A), and in this connection I would draw attention to the terms of the "engagement" at p.106 of the book put up; I very much doubt if we have anything like a reasonable case for reading into the wording of the engagement ~~for any~~ claim for compensation to the British Govt. for the money that they have of their own accord sunk in this territory. I suppose that 85 years ag there were no decent roads but even so we can hardly expect the Rajah to compensat us, and the value at which the roads and the bungalow are estimated by Mr.Galletti is such that presumably Sandur would never

I think we might put these considerations before Govt. and say that the Board agrees with the Collr's views and is unable

to see any material advantage either to Sandur or to the Madras Govt. to counte-balance the difficulties in the way of carrying out the Agent to the Governor-General's suggestions.

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Yes

The Bungalow be on the Selection & the roads maintained by the D.B. mean a great deal to the officials & others of Bellary, & which is remote from other Hill Stn. Those persons stand to lose much if if the jurisdiction of Br. Courts & responsibility of the Br. D.B. for the roads is ceased.

The B.P. can see nothing to be gained by agreeing to the Agent's proposal, & much to be lost

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